IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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HYDROXY CARBOXYLIC ACIDS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments before calculation of the filing fee and examination of the merits.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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